THE HONORABLE THOMAS S. ZILLY 1 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 4 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 5 6 BUNGIE, INC., a Delaware corporation, Cause No. 2:21-cv-0811 TSZ 7 **Plaintiff** DECLARATION OF DAVID 8 SCHAEFER IN SUPPORT OF v. **DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO** 9 DISMISS 10 AIMJUNKIES.COM, a business of unknown classification; PHOENIX DIGITAL GROUP **Note on Motion Calendar:** 11 LLC, an Arizona limited liability company; July 1, 2022 JEFFREY CONWAY, an individual; DAVID 12 SCHAEFER, an individual; JORDAN GREEN, **Oral Argument Requested** an individual; and JAMES MAY, an individual, 13 Defendants. 14 15 16 I, David Schaefer, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, state 17 and declare as follows: 18 1. I am an Officer and Director of Defendant Phoenix Digital Group LLC, one of 19 the Counter-Claimants in the above captioned matter, as well as one of the 20 individual Defendants in the above captioned matter and have knowledge of 21 the facts stated herein. 22 2. Since at least a early as 2017, Phoenix Digital Group LLC has required its 23 customers and subscribers to its services to agree to the terms of Phoenix 24 Digital Group LLC's "Terms of Service," a copy of which is attached to 25 Defendants' Answer and Counterclaim (Dkt#63) as "Exhibit C." These Terms 26 of Service were in effect as early as 2017, were in effect on January 3, 2020, 27

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- and were in effect up until the sale of the aimjunkies.com website on May 5, 2022.
- 3. Phoenix Digital Group LLC is the owner of software, known as "cheat loader" software, that Phoenix Digital uses to facilitate the transfer of programs developed by others to subscribers to Phoenix Digital's services. Phoenix Digital claims, owns and enjoys copyright protection for its "cheat loader" software.
- 4. Phoenix Digital uses technological measures to prevent unauthorized access to its protected cheat loader software. In particular, the Phoenix Digital cheat loader software is protected against reverse engineering by means of a commercially available tool called "Themida." This tool obfuscates and protects the software code so that the process of reverse engineering is extremely slowed or entirely stopped. Themida employs their proprietary SecureEngine technology to add anti-cracking techniques to the executable, adding protection to prevent analysis and modification of the protected software. A feature list for the Themida software can be found at this URL: https://www.oreans.com/Themida.php.
- 5. Phoenix Digital has suffered damages as a result of Bungie's breach of the Phoenix Digital Terms of Service. As a result of the allegations made in this lawsuit, and in particular the various allegations made by Bungie "on information and belief" regarding the products distributed by Phoenix Digital, Phoenix Digital reasonably believed and continues to believe that Bungie has compromised the security of the Phoenix Digital cheat loader. This forced Phoenix Digital to redesign and re-write the cheat loader, at significant cost and effort to Phoenix Digital.
- 6. Phoenix Digital has suffered further damages as a result of Bungie's breach of the Phoenix Digital Terms of Service. In particular, Phoenix Digital has been

damaged by the adverse publicity and loss of market share caused by Bungie's baseless claims that Phoenix Digital "copied" Bungie's materials. Bungie's false claims are based, at least in part, on Bungie's unauthorized reverse engineering of the Phoenix Digital cheat loader software in violation of the Phoenix Digital Terms of Service. In particular, in mid 2021 before this lawsuit was filed, Phoenix Digital was in discussions with others concerning sale of the AimJunkies website. Following the filing of this lawsuit and the adverse publicity that resulted, the sale did not take place then. Eventually, the AimJunkies website was sold in May, 2022 at a greatly reduced price compared to what the website could have been sold for absent the baseless and abusive lawsuit filed by Bungie, which Bungie bases on its unauthorized analysis of the Phoenix Digital cheat loader software, in breach of the Phoenix Digital Terms of Service.

Dated October 24, 2022.

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